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Title: Need for border fencing and installation of flood lights on Indo-Bangladesh border to check illegal infiltration.

SHRI PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): In West Bengal, eight districts are bordering Bangladesh. Most of the villages sharing border with Bangladesh have no electricity connection, due to which there is no light facility in the border areas. Whereas the villages which are on Indo-Pakistan Border, there are provisions of Flood Lights throughout the border and all these villages were electrified long back due to which infiltration and smuggling is less. On Indo-Bangladesh Border there are meagre numbers of Flood lights due to which at night it is very difficult for the poor villagers to travel from one place to other and sometimes the Indians are mistaken as Bangladeshis by our BSF men resulting in harassment of common man. On Indo-Bangladesh border there are no natural barriers and even at some places there is no fencing due to which lot of illegal migrants from Bangladesh have settled in India long back. Besides, this, there is lot of infiltration, smuggling of cattle and terrorists and criminal activities on our soil through this safe passage. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to get the work of border fencing completed at an early date and also install Flood lights on Indo-Bangladesh border. The work of electrification of all the villages which are bordering Bangladesh should be taken up on priority besides making pucca roads near the border.